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SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Government consider the question of taking up this matter in the Zonal Council to express our resentment and, if possible, to evolve a code of inter-State conduct in the matter of public utterances by State dignitaries?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, that would become an instance of falling from the sublime to the ridiculous.

District Forest Office, Chingleput

* 62 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to shift the District Forest Office at Chingleput to Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the reason therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Chief Conservator of Forests has proposed the abolition of Saidapet Division, consequent on the transfer of Satyavedu to Andhra Pradesh if the Pataskar award is to be implemented and to add the ranges of Saidapet Division to Chingleput Division with Headquarters at Saidapet. The matter is under consideration.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN : ஏற்கெனவே, செங்கற்பட்டு ஜில்லாக் கலெக்டர் அலுவலகம், ஜில்லா போர்டு அலுவலகம், தாலூகா ஆபீஸ் முதலியவைகள் எல்லாம் சென்னையிலேயே இருக்கின்றன. இதுவும் கூட இங்கே வந்துவிட்டால், ஜன நெருக்கம் மிகுந்த சென்னையில் இன்னும் சங்கடம் அதிகரிக்காதா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அவ்வாறு ஒன்றும் சங்கடம் ஏற்படாது. அவை சென்னை நகரத்திலேயே இருக்க வேண்டும் என்பதில்லை. சென்னை நகரத்தில் இருப்பவையும்கூட ஜில்லாவின் மத்தியில்தான் இருக்கின்றன.

Farmyard manure and nightsoil compost

* 63 Q.—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI (on behalf of Sri M. Ethirajalu) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of farmyard manure and nightsoil compost prepared durng the years 1957–58 and 1958–59 (up to 1st October 1958); and

(*b*) the amount of loans disbursed to municipalities and local boards for the manufacture of farmyard manure and nightsoil compost in this State during the year 1958–59 up to 1st October 1958?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) During 1957–58 a total quantity of 293,774 tons of farmyard manure and nightsoil compost was produced by municipalities and panchayats. During 1958–59 up to 1st October 1958, 115,687 tons of farmyard manure and nightsoil compost was prepared. Figures for farmyard manure and compost prepared by cultivators themselves are not available.

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(*b*) No loans are granted to municipalities and local boards separately for the manufacture of farmyard manure. Farmyard manure and nightsoil compost are produced under the urban compost scheme and the scheme for the development of nightsoil compost in bigger panchayats. The amount of loan disbursed to municipalities and panchayats for the manufacture of farmyard manure and night-soil compost under the above schemes during 1958–59 up to 1st October 1958 is Rs. 30,000.

City Transport

* 64 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the reservation of seats to women passengers in the front rows in the City Transport buses has been given up; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The decision followed the recommendation of the City Transport Advisory Committee.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the reasons which the Committee assigned for just removing this arrangement?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : It has not been removed. Actually 20 per cent of the seats have been reserved for women. Now the last two rows of seats are reserved for women and it has been appreciated by almost every Member of the City Transport Advisory Committee.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Was not the arrangement, under which seats were reserved for women passengers in the front rows, tried for some time and then given up?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The practice of reserving seats in the front rows was tried but it was found to be inconvenient because the ladies had to get in the rear of the bus and walk along to the front portion of the bus. Therefore, now seats are reserved in the rear of the bus.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Would not the Government just see that lady passengers are assigned seats in the front rows and allowed to get in and get out by the front exit?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : How it makes a difference, I do not know. I do not see any difference in allowing the ladies either to get in and get out of the rear seat or to get in and get out of the front seat.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Now they have to compete with men as the entrance for both men and women is the same. But if a front seat is given, then they could get in and get out of the bus without competing with men by the front exit. Sir, this practice is followed in other State buses.